

### **NC TAP - STATE TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

1. NC TAP can be awarded up to \$5396.00 per year for Undergraduate Degrees, and up to \$6692.00 per year for Graduate Degrees.
2. It must be used at a NC accredited school only.
3. To use NC TAP you must have 2 years remaining on your ETS from the ending date of your classes.
4. NC TAP is the only funding Air Guard members can use, so if funding is low it will be reserved for "Only Air Guard Members".
5. NC TAP dates for useage run from July 1st - June 30th.
6. You must have submitted your NC TAP form at least 20 days prior to the class start date.

### **FTA - FEDERAL TUITION ASSISTANCE**

1. FTA can pay up to \$4500.00 per year for any level degree program, certificate program or license program.
2. The amounts to be paid are maxed out at : \$250.00 per semester hour, \$167.00 per quarter hour and \$16.66 per clock hour.
3. FTA dates for useage are from Oct 1st - Sep 30th.
4. Qualifications: Must be an active drilling member of the NCNG, be in good standing with your unit, courses must be completed before your ETS date arrives and your school must be on the National Accreditation List.
5. FTA can only be used for "1" degree credential at the Associate, Bachelor and Master/First Professional level.
6. Applications must be submitted prior to the start date of classes, and can be done 90 days in advance of the first start date.
7. FTA application site: <https://minuteman.ngb.army.mil/benefits>

**NOTE - "YOU MUST HAVE A CAC READER TO ACCESS THIS SITE"**

### **AGR SOLDIERS**

All AGR soldiers are required to apply for Federal Tuition Assistance through [www.goarmyvet.com](http://www.goarmyvet.com).

### **ESC - EDUCATION SUPPORT CENTER - LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

1. Offers FREE Associate, Bachelor and Graduate degree plans based on MOS, fast track to degree and local colleges/universities.
2. Converts military training into recommended college credit. Be advised that it is up to the school to accept the military training as college credits.
3. Provides educational counseling.
4. All services are available to ARNG soldiers, spouses of ARNG soldiers and ARNG civilian employees.
5. They also have a GI BILL support team that can answer questions.
6. PEC website: <https://esc.pec.ngb.army.mil>

### **EXAMINATION PROGRAMS OFFERED**

1. SAT/ACT - GRE/GMAT - PRAXIS - DANTES - CLEP - EXCELSIOR EXAMS CERTIFICATIONS
2. Spouses are eligible to take CLEP/DANTES exams at Fort Bragg.
3. Army Personnel Tests offered are ASVAB/AFCT and also the AFAST(Flight test). These Army Personnel tests are free to all NCNG members only.
4. <http://www.dantes.doded.mil.dantes>

### **GI BILL - CHAPTER 1606**

1. Entitlement is 36 months at the full time rate, if you meet requirements:
  - a. Active drilling member of NCNG
  - b. 6 year extension/enlistment
  - c. HS Diploma or equivalent
  - d. Completion of BASIC and AIT or equivalent.
2. Benefit expires after 14 years, a break in service of more than 1 year or two different breaks in service.

### **GI BILL - CHAPTER 1607**

1. Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP) was established to provide activated soldiers additional education assistance.
  2. Qualifications:
    - a. Activated on federal orders for more than 90 days.
    - b. 10 year delimiting date
    - c. break in service terminates this benefit.
    - d. benefit is based on number of months on active federal orders.
- For current rates and info for 1606 & 1607 go to the following website:  
[http://www.gibill.va.gov/GI\\_BILL\\_Info/rates.htm](http://www.gibill.va.gov/GI_BILL_Info/rates.htm) or call the VA Hotline at 1-888-GIBILL1

### **MGIB KICKER PROGRAM**

1. Kicker is in addition to GI BILL benefit for 36 months at the full time rate.
2. Meet specific criteria: (NPS, Current member, OCS/WOC, SMP or LT w/o a degree. Also be in an eligible UNIT /MOS.
3. Rates:
 

Non Prior	\$200.00
Current member	\$200.00
OCS/SMP/WOC	\$350.00

### **ESO CONTACTS**

**MAJ SARAH DICKS - ACTING ESO**

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## SCHOLARSHIPS

### **North Carolina National Guard Association**

-Who can apply: Soldiers, spouses, children, grandchildren, and legal dependents of active, retired, or deceased members of the North Carolina National Guard Association.

-Scholarship Amounts: \$350, \$750, \$950.

-Scholarships are awarded once a year.

-Applications are accepted from January 1<sup>st</sup> until February 1<sup>st</sup>.

-High School Seniors must submit their applications between February 1<sup>st</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup>.

-Applications can be found online at <http://ncnga.org/education> or in the Education Office.

### **Fund for Veteran's Education**

-Who can apply: Any Soldier who has served at least 60 days in Iraq or Afghanistan (or served in the surrounding area and have documented service in support of OIF/OEF).

-Soldier must be enrolled full-time or part-time in an undergraduate degree program at any 2 or 4-year institution, public or private.

-Soldiers must apply for and accept all federal, state, and institutional need-based grants and all available military educational benefits before applying for this scholarship.

-Applications can be found online at [www.veteransfund.org/apply](http://www.veteransfund.org/apply)

### **American Patriot Freedom Award**

-Who can apply: Children ages 17-21 whose parents served in the military

-Only 25 Scholarships are awarded at \$1,000/year

-Applications can be found online at <http://www.homefrontamerica.org/oohrahhome.htm>

### **Additional Military Scholarships:**

-Can be obtained through the VA at [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)

-Also, visit [www.cfnc.org](http://www.cfnc.org) to fill your FAFSA (Federal Application for Student Aid) and to apply for scholarships and grants.

-In addition, check with your student advisor at your school for other scholarship information